



# Flourishing Together

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## Headteacher Message

Good afternoon,

It has been a very busy half term with lots of lovely learning taking place across the school. Our reception class have settled exceptionally well and all other children are settled within their new year groups. We have seen some wonderful work this half term and I will be posting the Y6 artwork later online. The next half term will be a busy and long one, 8 weeks! There are lots of plans taking place for the lead up to Christmas and we are trying to share these dates with you now so that you can come along.

We hope everyone manages to get some rest. Have a lovely half term.

Take Care,

Mrs Dodd and the team at St Peter's

### Our School Worship and Christian Characteristics



Our vision encourages the children to care for creation.

This week we explored our wonderful world and how we can care for creation. The children are thoughtful, considerate and kind. Rev. Mark continues to lead our Tuesday worship where the children engage well, contributing lots.

## Lost Property

Lost property is looking very full again. Please can you make sure all your children's items are labelled for us to be able to return items to their owners quickly. If the weather is dry, we will try to get the lost property out on a bench on KS2 playground at the end of the school day. Please come and look for lost items.

## NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme and Online Safety



This week children in Y2, Y5 and Y6 took part in workshops delivered by the NSPCC. The children did ask a range of questions and engaged well in the sessions which are designed to encourage the children to know what is ok and what isn't ok.

Over the week we have been also assessing the children's knowledge and understanding of how to keep themselves safe online and what they know about different areas of the online safety curriculum. Online safety is a huge area, and it goes beyond our school remit. We all need to make sure that we equip the children with knowledge and skills to navigate the complex online world. Within school, there are specific roles that enable us to ensure online safety, including but not limited to

the following individuals; Mr Smith (our Computing Lead), Mrs Winter (our Personal, Social, Health Education Lead) and Mrs Dodd / Mrs Parker / Mrs Rigby (Designated and Deputy Safeguarding Lead). We are receiving more concerns about what children are accessing online and therefore we will all be working together to continue to ensure the children have an age appropriate knowledge of online risks. Parents, please consider coming to our Online Safety Evening with the Local Authority expert. To book a place just call or let the office know.

## Reception Parents Evening

Reception Parent appointment bookings are live. Mrs Parker and Mrs Daly will be able to meet parents / carers on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to discuss how your child is settling into school. Appointments are available from 1pm – 5.30pm.

Many reception parents also requested the phonics workshop to be put online. I have now added this to the school website: <https://www.stpetersheysham.lanacs.sch.uk/children/skylark-class>

## Sporting Achievements



This week we took a group of Y4 children to the Morecambe and Heysham Football Tournament. The group displayed excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. They played 5 matches within their group and came third place within the group. Well done to the Y4 group!

Congratulations to Alfie and Joel from Y6. Both children were selected to attend the Lancaster and Morecambe District Trials and both children have secured places on the team. Well Done!

## Things to do over half term....

Heysham Library is a fabulous resource that we have in our community. There is a Lego club running on Saturdays and coding club running on Thursdays. Check out what is on from the link below:

<https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/event-details?eventid=2483>

The Nature reserve also has a Halloween trail. You can download the map and make your way around finding the answers:

<https://www.lancswt.org.uk/events/2023-10-21-what-lies-beneath-trail-heysham-nature-reserve>

The Dukes also have a range of activities on offer...

<https://visitlancaster.org.uk/whats-on/spooky-crafts-and-spooky-stories-at-the-dukes/>

Also, The Maritime Museum is free to access for local residents.

## Don't Stop Reading



During the half term, please ensure your child continues to read. We noticed that children reading at home during the summer dropped and this did impact on re-engaging them with reading on their return to school.

Please make reading fun! We want the children to enjoy books and develop a love for reading. We want them to be able to read widely and enjoy a range of different texts. So perhaps a trip to the library, listening to an audio book in the

car on journeys out and challenging your child to read more.

We would love to hear about what they have been reading at home over the half term and they can share their favourite books / authors / poems / non-fiction or fiction when they return to school.

## Christmas Dates for the Diary

As per the previous newsletters, we will continue to add dates for the diary over the festive period as soon as we can.

**December proposed dates – we will be aiming to keep to these dates and are giving you lots of notice to enable you to sort any leave required from work;**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair after school in the Hall
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Panto trip to the Dukes Lancaster to see 'A Christmas Carol'
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Advent / Christingle Worship @ 9am in the Hall
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Online Safety Evening for parents from 6-8pm in the Hall
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - EYFS / Reception Class Christmas Sing Along @ 9am in the Hall
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Y3,4,5 Carols by Candlelight @ 6pm in the Hall
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Y1/2 Nativity @ 1.30pm in the Hall

## General Information and Reminders

### School Lunches

Your child will have brought home a copy of the new lunch menu. This starts on our first day back after half term, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and we will be on Week 1.

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## Parking

You should have received the email from the community policing team. All schools in Heysham received this email on Tuesday evening. Some of you may have noticed the police making a visit to School Road on Wednesday morning and were checking parking. We know how parking around school is challenging but it does have to be safe. Our understanding is that the next visit they will be intending to take stronger action.

## Gates and Site Security

During the evenings and weekends, we are being made aware of more 'uninvited' visitors to the school site. Therefore, we are exploring further measures to improve the site security. Over half term, every gate will be padlocked and we will continue to make sure the gate to the field is always locked. We are also exploring alternative fencing in key areas and will be adding to the existing CCTV around key areas of the school over half term.

With security in mind during the school day, we do need parents to have also left the school playground by 8.45am so that we can secure school access. This includes locking the gates, closing the doors and making sure the buildings cannot be accessed by unauthorised visitors. If you are checking lost property in the morning, please ensure you exit the door at the end of the corridor (closest to the blue gate) before 8.45am. Thankyou for your continued support.

## Food Bank – Donations

Thank You for your continued support with your donations to Morecambe Bay Community Foodbank. We are very grateful for all your donations. Rev. Mark has been collecting them weekly from school and delivering them to the Food Bank. There is no expectation to make a donation and please only do so if you can.

Class	Date
Eider Ducks	20 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Half Term</b>	
Turnstones	3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Skylarks	10 <sup>th</sup> November
Curlews	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Sanderlings	24 <sup>th</sup> November
Lapwings	1 <sup>st</sup> December
Oystercatchers	8 <sup>th</sup> December
Dunlins	15 <sup>th</sup> December

## Dates for the Diary – Week Commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>*School Re-opens for Autumn Term 2*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y4 are swimming. Kits in school, please.</li><li>• Reception Parents Evening: 1 – 5.30pm <i>Online bookings open – please see email for guidance on booking a slot</i></li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young Voices Practice (Y4,5,6): 3.15 - 4.15pm</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Drop-In with Mrs Rigby: 9 – 10.30am <i>Please book a space via the school office</i></li><li>• Whole School – Nasal Flu Vaccinations <i>Please ensure you have selected online to consent / opt out (see email)</i></li><li>• JAM Club: 3.15 - 4.15pm</li><li>• KS1 Movie Night: 3.30 – 5.15pm (<i>please return slip and money</i>)</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual and In-School only photographs by Tempest</li><li>• Bonfire Night Lunch <i>If you have not pre-ordered a lunch, please send your child to school with a packed lunch</i></li><li>• KS2 Movie Night: 3.30 – 5.15pm (<i>please return slip and money</i>)</li></ul>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y4 Nature Reserve Trip – please see letter</li></ul>

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### Reminder of key dates for Autumn Term (excluding Christmas specific dates noted above)

- **October Half Term** - school closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October
- **Autumn Term 2** - school re-opens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- **Whole School** - Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please see email to consent / opt out of this service provided by the NHS.
- **Whole School** - Individual and in-school siblings photographs taken by Tempest **rescheduled - now Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**
- **Whole School** - Bonfire Night Lunch – please ensure you send your child to school with a packed lunch on this day if you have not pre-ordered a lunch via return slip.
- **Y4 (Dunlins)** - Heysham Nature Reserve Trip on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please see letter.
- **Y6 (Curlews)** - Blackburn Cathedral and Mosque Trip – **rescheduled – now Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.** Please see letter.
- **Y6 (Curlews)** - Y6 will lead our Remembrance Service on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Hall. This is for parents / family members of children in Curlews class only.
- **Y5 & Y6 School Council** - Pupil Parliament Day on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs McGirl will be in touch with more information
- **Whole School** - Children in Need Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Dress in something bright and / or spotty. Biscuit sale and possibly a special visitor. More information to follow.



## **Keeping Children Safe Online:**

**In the real world we protect our children. So why not keep them safe online?**

**An 'essential' online safety briefing for parents, guardians, and carers.**

**Date: MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**Start time: 6PM**

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**Duration:** Approximately 1 hr 15 mins with time for questions.

### **About the briefing**

Many people, including young children are users of the internet.

Having access to online information and the functionality that the internet can offer has many benefits and for most it plays an important part of our everyday lives. However, as technology moves on at such a pace it is difficult to keep up with new trends and developments, particularly regarding mobile devices/games technology and safe accessibility to online content.

Young people are spending more time online and research shows evidence that issues relating to exploitation, manipulation or abuse are adding to concerns regarding online safety. Research now shows that life online can also have an impact on wellbeing and in some cases contribute to mental health problems.

What are our children doing online? Do we know how they are behaving?  
Are they safe? Who are they communicating with?  
Do they know what to do if they come across something suspicious?  
Are they accessing content appropriate for their age?  
Are they giving away too much personal information that may make them vulnerable or affect them in the future?  
Are they spending too much time online?  
Are we having conversations about all the above?

We would ask at least one parent/carer from each family to attend this session where a Lancashire Education Authority Consultant will present an awareness briefing to address some of the issues mentioned above.

The session is for parents/carers only and will last for approximately 1hr 15mins with an opportunity for questions during or after the presentation.

The Local Authority and our school have policies in place to ensure children are learning in a safe and secure environment which includes being safe online. Therefore, this session has been organised to help you to contribute to this process in helping children to be aware of the potential problems associated with using the internet and modern technologies.

**The session is not suitable for children**

**OFSTED regard these sessions as an integral part of a school's Safeguarding/Online Safety policy and they expect schools to have offered this support for parents. Please help us to keep young children safe.**

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